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Design Firm Selected for New Community Park ***City Council Authorizes City Manager to Begin Contract Negotiation***

SEGUIN, Texas – The vision of a new community park on Seguin’s west side is another step closer to reality. At their Tuesday meeting, City Council approved a resolution selecting Rialto Studio, Inc. to provide design and construction administrative services for the park to be located at what is commonly known as the Hoermann property.

Six firms submitted their qualifications for consideration. All six were ranked on criteria including general quality, organization and experience. From there, three were selected for an interview with Assistant City Manager Rick Cortes, Director of Parks and Recreation Jack Jones and Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation Crystal Miranda.

“Based upon the qualifications received and the interviews conducted, City staff recommends the selection of Rialto Studio, Inc. to provide design and construction administrative services for the project,” Seguin Director of Parks and Recreation Jack Jones told City Council.

Jones cited Rialto Studio's familiarity of the Hoermann property since the company completed the master plan for the site. The firm's knowledge of conducting public input meetings and the overall public process in Seguin were also listed as criteria for their selection.

Funding for the project comes from a \$5-million Parks Bond Election in November 2013. The project will include athletic fields, a playground, splash pad, pavilion, picnic shelters, nature trails, restrooms and concessions. A completion date has not yet been set.

The Hoermann Property is 48 acres located south of San Antonio Avenue and east of North Vaughn Avenue. The City purchased the property in 2007.

"We're excited to start this project," Jones continued.

Seguin City Manager Doug Faseler is now authorized to negotiate an appropriate contract with Rialto Studio, Inc.

About the City of Seguin

Seguin, Texas is located along Interstate 10, about 35 miles east of San Antonio. Seguin is big enough to boast a top-rated university and a state-of-the-art hospital. More than 25,000 residents enjoy a range of cultural, recreational, and employment opportunities. Seguin's robust diversified economy features a steelmaker, a manufacturer of automotive parts and plants making roadside mowing equipment and building materials. In 2009, Seguin was proud to be selected by Caterpillar as the site of a major new engine manufacturing facility.

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